

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S421–S462

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3539–3552, and S. Res. 500–502. **Page S442**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act. (S. Rept. No. 117–62) **Page S441**

Measures Passed:

Condemning the Military Coup in Burma: Senate agreed to S. Res. 35, condemning the military coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Tatmadaw's detention of civilian leaders, calling for an immediate and unconditional release of all those detained, promoting accountability and justice for those killed by the Tatmadaw, and calling for those elected to serve in parliament to resume their duties without impediment, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S449–52**

Menendez (for Cardin/Young) Amendment No. 4918, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S450–51**

Menendez (for Cardin/Young) Amendment No. 4919, to amend the preamble. **Page S451**

Menendez (for Cardin/Young) Amendment No. 4920, to amend the title. **Pages S451–52**

Political Situation in Belarus: Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the political situation in Belarus, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S452–55**

Menendez (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 4921, to make technical amendments. **Pages S454–55**

Congratulating the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 496, congratulating the

University of Georgia Bulldogs football team for winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football Playoff National Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S455–56**

Menendez (for Ossoff) Amendment No. 4922, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S455**

National School Choice Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 501, designating the week of January 23 through January 29, 2022, as “National School Choice Week”. **Page S456**

Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service: Senate agreed to S. Res. 502, acknowledging and commemorating the World War II women in the Navy who served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (“WAVES”). **Page S456**

Appointments:

People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 116–260, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board: Angela Warnick of New York. **Page S449**

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–567, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Alissa M. Starzak of the District of Columbia. **Page S449**

Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117–81, on behalf of the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Robert F. Hale of Virginia. **Page S449**

Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117–81, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Arun A. Seraphin of New York. **Page S449**

Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117–81, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Ellen M. Lord of North Carolina. **Page S449**

Puttagunta Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rupa Ranga Puttagunta, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S435**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 18), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S435**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2022; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11 a.m., and upon disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Ebony M. Scott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Donald Walker Tunnage, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Kenia Seoane Lopez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Sean C. Staples, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, the votes on confirmation of the nominations be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Pages S461–62**

Lopez Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kenia Seoane Lopez, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 19), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S436**

Staples Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Sean C. Staples, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S436**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 20), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S436**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 13), Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S421–27**

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 15), Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S427–28**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 14), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S427–28**

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 17), David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S428–35**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 16), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S428**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S438–39**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S447–48**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S448–49**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—20) **Pages S427–28, S435–36**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S462.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXPANDING BROADBAND ACCESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine expanding broadband access, focusing on the Department of Commerce broadband programs in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, after receiving testimony from Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, and John F. Plumb, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and 72 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Director, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cramer, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COVID-19 FRAUD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine COVID-19 fraud and price gouging, after receiving testimony from Samuel Levine, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Mary K. Engle, BBB National Programs, McLean, Virginia; and Teresa Murray, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Todd Leatherman, National Association of Attorneys General, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S. TERRITORIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States territories, after receiving testimony from U.S. Virgin Islands Governor Albert Bryan, Jr., Charlotte Amalie; Guam Governor Lou Leon Guer-

rero, Hagatna; American Samoa Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga, Pago Pago; Puerto Rico Governor Pedro R. Pierluisi, San Juan; and David DLG. Atalig, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Secretary of Finance, Saipan.

SUDAN'S IMPERILED TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Sudan's imperiled transition, focusing on United States policy in the wake of the October 25th coup, after receiving testimony from Isobel Coleman, Deputy Administrator for Policy and Programming, United States Agency for International Development; Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Comfort Ero, International Crisis Group, Nairobi, Kenya; and Joseph Tucker, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Director, who was introduced by Senators Leahy and Sinema, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Management and Budget, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mental health and substance use disorders, focusing on responding to the growing crisis, after receiving testimony from Sara Goldsby, South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, Columbia; Mitch Prinstein, American Psychological Association, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Michelle P. Durham, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Jennifer Lockman, Centerstone America, Nashville, Tennessee; and Claire Rhyneer, Anchorage, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenly Kiya Kato, and Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who were introduced by Senators Feinstein and Padilla, and Jennifer Louise Rochon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.